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1. Beginning 3 July 1953, troops who had come from Letzling Heath engaged in exercises on the Alte Elbe in the area between Bertingen and Sandkrug. On 5 July, artillery units with guns, which source believed were 152-mm field howitzers, and 30 half-track vehicles were observed. About 800 to 1,000 troops participated in the exercise. [redacted] 25X1B  
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2. On 12 July, a troop train carrying 8 about 150-mm field howitzers, 8 about 160-mm mortars and 17 trucks, [redacted] and including 4 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, passed through the Stendal railroad station, coming from the direction of Wittenberge and proceeding toward Magdeburg. [redacted] 25X1B

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1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] Another source also reported that exercises, including a bridge construction practice across the stagnant branch of the Elbe River, were under way in this area and that the exercise involved troops, probably of the IX Mtc Rifle Corps. Units of the army, supported by engineers, probably held exercises in this area, which began in early July and possibly ended with the bridge construction on 9 and 10 July. [redacted] 25X1

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artillery units of the Third Shock Army, presumably of an howitzer  
artillery regiment.

25X1A 3. [redacted] Comment. Other sources reported the detraining of tanks of the  
1st Mecz Div in Dallgow as early as 12 July.  
The train mentioned in this report is fairly definitely believed to be  
one of the five trains which, according to reports on transportation,  
went from Schoeneweide to Doeberitz between 11 and 13 July.

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